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FRESHMEN INVITED TO CIVIL SMOKER

Seven Speakers Will Address C.
E. Society Members
Tomorrow.

Freshmen who plan to take Civil or Sanitary Engineering are all invited to the big smoker of the C. E. Society in the Union tomorrow night, when Professors Spofford, Burton and Robbins are to tell the society members about the new Summer School of Civil Engineering. This is the first meeting of the society this year for which invitations have been extended to the Freshman class, and it is expected that a large representation from 1915 will be on hand.

The Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are, as a matter of fact, all expected to be there. The talks will begin at 8 o'clock, and as there are seven speakers who have been invited to address the society at this smoker, Professor Spofford says that he will hold a stop-watch on them all, so that the members may get to the refreshments before bedtime.

HARVARD HOCKEY

Team Is Making Effort to Win
From Tech Seven.

The Harvard hockey team is putting in much strenuous practice in order to put the men in shape for the Tech game, but is not showing a remarkable improvement. The wings are fast but rather poor in shooting, and have a tendency to carry the puck too near their opponents' goal before passing.

Several good men who were on the football squad have only just reported, because the schedule was not supposed to have started until after the holidays. Of these, Blackall, Willets and Gardner have shown up well and are pretty sure of places on the final team. Gardner is a first-class goal tender, and Smart is almost as good. Palmer and Duncan are about the best forwards, Palmer playing end and Duncan center.

The team has played two or three games with the B. A. A. seven and were beaten by a substantial score. Lately the second team has showed up rather better than the first, and it is probable that some of its members will be promoted to the first squad.

NO WESTERN TRIP.

Lack of Sufficient Guarantee
Money Is Cause.

It is practically definitely decided that the Musical Clubs will go on no Western trip. This was announced by the management as a result of the dark prospects for financial success. The trouble is that the Western cities are unable to provide any definite guarantee. These cities are Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit, while Rochester and other cities have not yet acted on the question. At Detroit there would be a conflict with the presence of Dr. Maclaurin, who will require the attention of the Alumni there.

The management is still working toward the possibility of the trip, and it may be that sufficient guarantees will arrive, but this is remote. Since there will be no trip the clubs will suspend regular practice until the second term.

LATIN AMERICAN NIGHT OF COSMOPOLITAN CLUB WELL ATTENDED

Many Interesting Talks Given on Recent Mexican Revolution--Pres. and Mrs Maclaurin Were Present

Last Saturday evening the Latin-American section of the Cosmopolitan Club were the entertainers of a large number of guests, including President and Mrs. Maclaurin and relatives, Dean and Mrs. Burton and several Latin-Americans in Boston. The large room of the Union was used and was very nearly filled.

President Montt of the club made the opening address and very nicely introduced Mr. Manuel A. Hernandez, who acted as temporary chairman for the rest of the evening. Mr. Guillermo Urquide, who studied music at the New England Conservatory, presided at the piano and gave some Mexican selections that were quite novel and interesting as well as most beautifully rendered.

Mr. Robert Sturgis, who is the President of the Spanish Club of Boston, spoke for a few minutes on "Spain, the Alma Mater of Latin-America." Mr. Sturgis' talk was quite interesting and corrected many of the ideas that the people of America have towards the Spaniard. The substance of the talk was that the Spaniard was polite, hospitable, generous and kind in nature. Also the most important thing, Mr. Sturgis illustrated that the Spaniard in the recent war clearly showed that they were quite fearless and brave, and the manner in which some of them went into battle against many odds proved their loyalty.

Messrs. Henry W. Parker and Ames H. Colley, both members of the Spanish Club, next gave some fine examples of the way the Spaniards can handle the mandolin and guitar. Their selections were quite classical and very nicely executed, causing for a heavy applause.

The next speaker of the evening was Mr. Arthur P. Cushing, a member of the Latin-American Consular Service and Consul for Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Bolivar and Uruguay in Boston. Mr. Cushing is quite humorous and entertained the audience for several minutes. In describing some of the funny ways of the small countries to the south of us he told of the way that he acquired the consularship for many of them. He said: "When some official of the country gets a son that is old enough to assume the duties of a man he sends him up to the States armed with a letter to Mr. Cushing and appointing him, the son, to the consularship. He retains the job with little or no salary for a time and then gets restless and either throws it up altogether or goes to Europe on a visit. When this happens Mr. Cushing is usually appointed Vice-Consul, and as they never come back he gets the job."

He told how he tends to the boys and girls that are sent up here to go to school, introducing them to the heads of the school, finding homes for them, and last, but not least, cashing and endorsing checks for them. He said that in as many years as he

has performed this duty only one boy cashed a worthless check on him.

Mr. Cushing closed his talk with some very good information on the recent revolution in Mexico. In speaking of President Diaz, he said that he was as popular today as he was when he led the revolution that freed Mexico from the French government. He mentioned the fact that Diaz was not at fault and that the people were not aiming the revolution against him, but against the government under him, and over which he had no control. He said that if Diaz was to return to Mexico today he would be received with open arms and be as welcomed as he was when he was at the height of his popularity.

The next two events on the program were musical ones, Mr. David H. Gibson rendering some Porto Rican selections, while Mr. Tomas Retana entertained with Mexican airs.

"Mexico and the Revolution" was the topic of Mr. Manuel Hernandez's interesting talk, which was illustrated with slides. Mr. Hernandez is the son of the leader of the revolutionists in the north of the country, and was very well informed by his folks on the results of the fighting. He said that most of the newspapers of the country had greatly exaggerated the state of affairs in Mexico, and that little idea of what the war was could be obtained by reading them. Some of the incidents which proved this were exceedingly funny. He read in the papers at one time that his father had led in a battle in which nine hundred and fifty out of a thousand were killed, and on telegraphing home he was answered by his father that on that day the activities amounted to target practice. Another incident was the tales of crowds of Americans rushing across the border and taking part in the battles. His folks told him, and in fact he had pictures to prove it, that the Americans mere were watching the battles as if they were football games and were enjoying them immensely.

He scored the write up that appeared a while ago in the American Magazine, entitled Barbarous Mexico, and said that most of the facts contained in it were lies and not at all true. Also that many of the pictures were labeled wrong.

One of the interesting things that Mr. Hernandez said was about Madero, the present President of Mexico, in which he said that the papers had many tales about the many things that he had done before he acquired the presidency, as to being educated in Paris, being the Mexican Ambassador to Russia, and being connected with a large business house in Boston. He also said that they told of the many residences that he owned. The fact is that some Madero had done these things but one for each one, and the President was not con-

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SENIOR PORTFOLIO ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Prominent Members of Class
Elected to Important
Positions.

The committee in charge of the Senior Portfolio announced Saturday evening the election of Randall Cremer, Archibald McClellan Eicher, Frederick J. Shepard, Jr., Henry Andrews Babcock and Richard P. Wallis. Cremer comes from Washington, D. C., and was connected with the Tech Show Chorus for two years. He was Faculty Editor of Technique, 1912, and was Vice-President of his class last year.

Eicher claims Greensburg, Pa., as his domicile. He was captain and quarterback of the 1912 football team, both Freshman and Sophomore years. Sophomore year he was President of the class, and he also held the position of Athletic Editor of Technique, 1912.

Shepard is a native of East Derry, N. H., and ran on the class relay team two years. He has been interested in track work, being quite a star at broad jumping. He was a member of the Junior Prom Committee last year.

Babcock is manager of the swimming team, and was on the Prom Committee, as was also Wallis.

FRESH. BASKETBALL.

Captain of the Team to Be
Elected Next Wednesday.

Last Saturday noon the candidates for the Freshman basketball team held their regular practice. The work consisted mainly of passing and shooting, the first part of the time ending up with a fast forty-five minute scrimmage between two picked teams.

The following men have been reporting for work: Dalton, McBride, Neuman, Parsons, Phelan, Lee, Scully, I. B. Wentworth, W. E. Wentworth and Yerby. Dalton has been working with the Varsity team and is showing up strong. Neuman, McBride and Scully are also doing fine work. At practice next Wednesday a captain will be elected and everybody should show up and vote. As a provisional team will not be picked until after Christmas there is still plenty of chance for anyone to make the team if they will come out and work for it.

Manager Scully is hard at work arranging a good schedule of games, but owing to the late start which the team got it is very difficult to obtain many. With the present list of games, one with St. John's, on January 13, is the first.

A somewhat weather beaten tramp being asked what was the matter with his coat, replied: "Insomnia; it hasn't had a nap in ten years."

CALENDAR.

- Monday, December 18.
3.00—Track Practice.
4.15—Gym Team—Gym.
4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal—Union.
Tuesday, December 19.
4.10—M. E. Society—Room 11, Eng. B.
5.00—Track Practice.
8.00—C. E. Society—Union.
8.00—1914 Basketball vs. Allen School.

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The Latin-American members of the Cosmopolitan Club are to be congratulated for the fine entertainment which they gave the members of the club and their friends Saturday evening. This was one of the best entertainments ever given by the club, and everyone present felt that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

The description of the various errors and misstatements made by the Boston newspapers showed how very often flagrant inaccuracies are made in the reports of various occurrences. The club is to be complimented on giving the most unique entertainments that have been given here for a long while previous to the formation of their organization.

We see no reason why the club should not have a very brilliant future and put forth the name of the Institute in the foreign more prominently even than it is at present.

The Senior Portfolio Committee is announced in this issue, and the men seem to have been chosen as the best members of the class to fulfill the duties of this important committee. The publication of this book is one of the most important and most arduous duties of any that the class have met during their existence. We feel that these men are well capable of carrying out these duties, but work should be started at once in order to secure a successful publication.

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY.

The Shortbridge Daily Echo, which is now posted on the exchange rack in the Union, is a very interesting publication in that it is a high school paper. This is a very unusual thing, in fact is almost unheard of that a high school should publish a daily. It is, however, very well put together, and compares favorably with many of the oldest college daily publications. Shortbridge High School is in Indianapolis.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We invite communications from all men in the Institute on important subjects. We take no responsibility for their sentiments and do not agree to print any that may come in, whether they are signed or not.)

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In view of the discussion concerning the establishment of Sigma Xi I should like to say a few words in favor of it. There are a good many of us fellows who reside within twenty-five to forty miles of Boston, who lose anywhere from two to four hours a day in riding to and from the Institute. This loss of time leaves little or no opportunities for us to take up Institute activities, and the result is that we are considered as "grinds," or that we are held as a necessary evil of Institute life, and something to be considered only when our votes are desired in class elections or the like. As no time is left for athletics, which is one of the qualifications for a frat, and as most of us lack a rating in Dunn and Bradstreet's, which is the other qualification, about the only evidence of our connection with the Institute, at the end of our four years, is our diploma. Now we fellows are at heart just as much Tech men and have just as much loyalty to the M. I. T. as the men who live in the very shadow of the Institute. It seems that we might have some reward for conscientious work, just as resident students are rewarded for athletic prowess and social ability.

As near as I can find out the chief opponents of this society are those who already belong to some frat, and it may be just possible that they do not wish to have their societies opposed in any way. As for the Alumni, I think that they should have a chance to vote on this subject, but the time is rather short for many of them to do so, and an extension of time might be advisable. The spirit should be to have this society, membership in which is to the scientific student what Phi Beta Kappa is to the classical student, assume the same dignity as Phi Beta Kappa, whose little key affords its lucky possessor a certain distinction, irrespective of his Alma Mater. Let us, then, establish this fraternity here and strive to have membership in it stand for ability rather than for social and financial power. At present we have no such fraternity and it should prove a step toward a better Technology, rather than becoming, as has been suggested, a cause of the drawing of the social line between the students.

R. E. L.

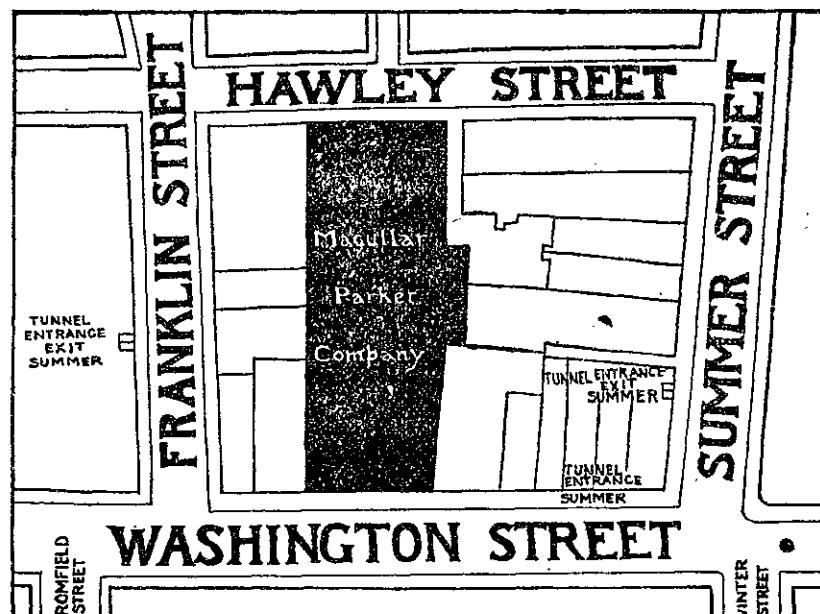
To the Editor of THE TECH:

There seems to be quite an undercurrent of feeling against the establishment of Sigma Xi at M. I. T. Whether this is based on petty motives, or through ignorance of its workings, it is hard to tell. The writer takes the positive side of the question, from his knowledge of its workings at one of the large Western Universities where Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Chi and quite a few other societies of national importance were in a flourishing condition.

Membership to Sigma Xi is popularly understood to represent efficiency in research work. An engineer isn't engaged exactly in research work unless research be defined. Whenever an engineer was elected to this Western Chapter of Sigma Xi it meant that the man was good in his work and showed prospects of being a credit to his university. Elections must be made by some committee whose personnel is not constantly changing, and so it naturally falls to a faculty committee, already members of Sigma Xi. A distinction was made between a good student and a grind, and election usually disclosed the fact that the distinction also excluded the very active members of the student body, for whom other societies were provided.

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OUT FOR MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

**Term Closes Jan. 13. Exams Begin Following
Monday---Last Ten Days. Second
Term Opens January 29th.**

(Owing to the fact that the entire issue was sold out Saturday we print again the exam schedule for the benefit of those who could not get a copy Saturday).

Below is published the provisional mid-year examination schedule as sent out to members of the Faculty for correction and additions. So far as possible this is the schedule that will be presented to the students, but a few conflicts may be found by the professors on looking it over. Judging from past years, the number of changes will be small. The examination period extends over ten days, closing the 24th, only four days before the opening of the second term. The Freshmen get through their exams on Saturday, the 20th, thus having one week's vacation. With two exceptions, the last second-year examinations occur also on Saturday, the exceptions being General Geology and Organic Chemistry, and not many men will take these exams. Upperclassmen will all be held until the final day.

The method of the presentation of the exams below is as follows: First, the subject, followed by the subject number in the catalogue, then the year for which the exam is given, and finally the hours. Room numbers, notices in regard to conflicts, etc., will be found on the Registrar's copies when they come out.

Monday, January 15.
Architectural History 491, 3, 9-12.
Descrip. Geometry 101, 1, 1.30-4.30.
Electric Light and Tr. Power 663, 4, 9-12.
Geology, Dynamic 555, 3, 9-12.
Heat Engineering 385, 3, 9-12.
Metallurgy of Iron 441, 2, 3, 4, 1.30-3.30.
Physics 770, 2, 9-12.
Structures 348, 351, 4, 9-12.
Theoretical Chemistry I 610, 3, 4, 9-12.
Theory of Warship Design 915, 3, 9-12.
Theory of Warship Design 916, 4, 9-12.
Theory of Warship Design 917, G, 9-12.

Tuesday, January 16.
Ap. Mech. 80, II; 81, XIII, XIII-A; 82, X; 86, IV, 4, 9-12.
Bridge Design 355, 4, 9-12.
Chem. Anal. & Tech. 635, 3, 9-12.
Electrochemistry 796, 4, 9-12.
English Bible 160, 3, 1.30-3.30.
English Literature of XVIII Century 156, 3, 1.30-3.30.

English Literature 150, 2, 1.30-3.30.
Indeter. Structures 357, G, 9-12.
Metallurgy 442, 4, 9-12.
Political Economy 190, 3, 9-11.
Structural Design 356, 4, 9-12.
Trigonometry, Plane 23, 1, 9-12.

Wednesday, January 17.
Alternating Current Mach. 650, 4, G, 9-12.
Architectural History 490, 2, 9-11.
Biology, General 700, 2, 1.30-3.30.
Comparative Physiology 727, 4, 9-12.
Descriptive Geometry 107, 2 Coll. 1.30-4.30.
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English, Entrance, 1.30-3.30.
European Civilization and Art 176, 4, G, 1.30-4.30.

Geometry, Sol., Ent., 9-11.
Hydraulics 330, 4, 9-12.

Mining Engineering 459, 4, 9-12.
Physics, Heat 771, 3, 1.30-3.30.

Theoretical Chemistry II 611, 4, 9-12.
Ventilation & Drainage 928, 4, 9-11.

Sugar Anal. 578, 4, 9-11.

Thursday, January 18.
Ap. Mech. 60, III, X; 65, II; 65a, XIII, XIII-A; 66, I, XI; 67, VI; 68, IV; 69, IV, 3, 9-12.
Biometrics & Theoret. Biol. 703, 4, 9-12.

Central Stationns 677, 4, 9-12.
Constructive Design 532, 4, 9-12.
Dynamics of Mach. 401, 4, 9-12.
Electrical Engineering 680, G, 9-12.
Econ. Geology 859, 4, 9-12.
Indust. Chem. 580, 4, 1.30-3.30.
Mathematics 20, 1, 9-12.
Qual. Analysis 552, 2, 1.30-4.30.
Spherical Trigon. 24, 2, 1.30-3.30.
Fire Assaying 433, 3, 1.30-3.30.

Friday, January 19.
Bacteriology 744, 3, 9-12.
Biology, Elem. of 701, 3, 1.30-3.30.
Chemistry 550, 1, 9-12.
Dynamo Electric Machinery 661, 3, 4, 1.30-3.30.
Electrical Engineering, Elements of 655, 3, 4, 9-12.
European Civilization and Art 175, 3, 4, 1.30-4.30.
Geometry, Plane, Ent. 1.30-3.30.
German III-B 233, 2, 1.30-3.30.
Heat. Engineering 386, 3, 9-12.
Heat. Engineering 387, 4, 9-12.
Illumination & Photometry 674, 4, 1.30-3.30.

Machine Design 404, 4, 9-11.
Mineralogy 840, 3, 9-11.
Organic Chemistry 592, 4, 9-12.
Theoret. Physics II 791, 4, 9-12.
Zymology 747, 4, 1.30-3.30.

Saturday, January 20.

French II 221, 1, 9-11.
German I 230, 1, 9-11.
German II 231, 1, 9-11.
Heat. Eng. 385, 4, 9-12.
Heating and Vent. 413, 3, 1.30-4.30.
Hydraulics 331, 3, 4, 9-12.
Hydraulics 332, 4, 9-12.
Hydraulics 340, 3, 9-11.
Ind. Microbiol. 746, 4, 1.30-4.30.
Mathematics 30, 2, 9-12.
Mathematics 32, 2, 9-12.
Military Science 990, 1, 1.30-3.30.
Military Science B, 991, 1, 1.30-3.30.
Naval Architecture 902, 4, 9-12.
Prox. Tech. Anal. 629, 4, 9-12.
Quant. Analysis 559, 3, 1.30-4.30.
Surveying 303, 3, 9-11.

Monday, January 22.

Air Exam., Water Anal. & Food An. 570, 566, 571, 3, 1.30-3.30.
Algebra A, Entrance 9-11.
Biology of Infectious Diseases 745, 4, 9-11.

Foundations 349, 4, 9-11.
French I, Entrance, 1.30-3.30.
Geol. Gen. 856, 2, 1.30-4.30.
Highway Engineering 314, 3, 9-12.
Tech. Elec. Meas. 685, Tech. E. M. Lab. 686, 4, 9-12.

Bact. of Water & Sewage 748, 4, 9-11.

Tuesday, January 23.
Algebra B, Entrance, 1.30-3.30.
Desc. Geom. 101, 103, Coll. Class, 9-12.
Mining Engineer, 458, 3, 9-12.
Organic Chem. Lab. 599, VII, 3, 4, 1.30-3.30.

Railroad Engineering 313, 3, 9-12.
Railroad Engineering 319, 4, 9-12.

Wednesday, January 24.

Food Analysis Adv. 649, 4, 1.30-3.30.
German I, Entrance.

Naval Architecture 901, 3, 9-11.

Org. Chem. 590, 2, 3, 9-11.

Precision of Meas. 772, 3, 1.30-3.30.

Zoölogy and Parasitology 718, 3, 9-12.

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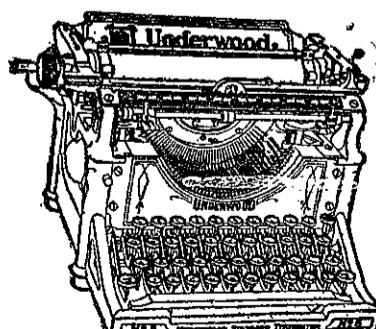
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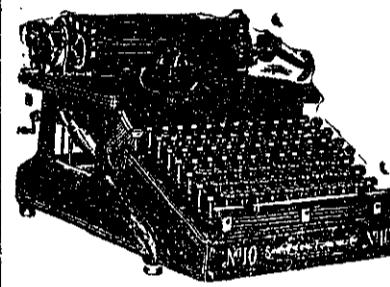
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